

# *Honoring the Legacy*



*Augustine O. Vegas, Jr.*

August 8, 1957 - February 11, 2016



## Our Superhero

Officer Augustine "Big Gus" Ortiz Vegas, 58, of the Richmond Police Department, was killed off duty at his Vallejo residence on the 11th of February 2016. A man of integrity, courage, family, and faith touched the hearts and lives of all who knew him.

Gus was born August 8th, 1957 in San Francisco. He attended the local schools in San Francisco until his family moved to Vallejo, in the early 1960's, where he graduated from St. Patrick's High School. Augustine earned a reputation for being a gifted athlete, excelling in track, football, and wrestling. Augustine worked several odd jobs after high school during which time he met his wife Sandra Annette Montano, while she was working at the local AM/PM. The two would eventually marry, spend 32 precious years together, raise 10 children and 22 grandchildren.

In his younger years, Augustine liked to live dangerously. He was a Harley-riding, long hair, fully-bearded, Tonto knife wielding, cross-bow shooting, knife throwing, brick breaking, fight picking, King Cobra drinking, fearless, tattooed, "wild-man." To those who knew him well, he was also a counselor, mentor, protector, provider, leader. He was selfless, invested, a father-figure, and an example for all to emulate; to sum it up, a Superhero.

In 1990, Big Gus graduated from the Napa Valley Police Academy earning top recognition in several categories including Class Valedictorian. After graduation, Augustine worked at a refinery, as well as many other jobs, to provide for his ever-growing family, all the while never losing sight of his one true passion. In 2001, his dream was finally realized when he was hired by the Richmond Police Department.

Officer Vegas served 15 honorable years with the Richmond Police Department. He served in many capacities to include patrol, regulatory crimes, burglary, and most notably Homicide. His passion for learning, teaching, and developing was embodied, in what was one of his proudest achievements, becoming a Richmond Police Department Range master.

Life is truly about the impact we have on others during the time we are allotted. Augustine Vegas is survived by his wife Sandra Vegas; his 5 sons, Joseph, Enrico, Augustine Jr., Marcos, and Jacob; his 5 daughters, Stephany, Angel, Nina, Bianca, and Mia. Officer Augustine "Big Gus" Vegas' legacy will forever live on.

## Order of Service

### Augustine "Gus" Vegas, Jr.

Richmond City Auditorium  
Friday, February 19, 2016

#### Processional

Welcome ..... Pastor Scott Peterson

National Anthem ..... Kimberly Alexander-Yarbor

Remarks ..... Richmond Mayor Tom Butt  
Chief of Police Allwyn Brown

Opening Prayer ..... Officer Tom Peterson

Musical Selection ..... "Missing You"  
Kimberly Alexander-Yarbor

#### Video Presentation

Expressions ..... Family of Gus Vegas  
Vallejo Mayor Osby Davis  
Richmond P.D. Sgt. (Ret) Lee Hendricsen

Eulogy ..... Joe Vegas

Message ..... Pastor Scott Peterson

Musical Selection ..... "Amazing Grace"  
Jennifer Peterson

#### Benediction

#### Recessional







*Reception*

McCormack Hall

Solano County Fairgrounds

900 Fairgrounds Drive

Vallejo, CA 94589

*Skyview Memorial Lawn*

200 Rollingwood Drive

Vallejo, CA 94591

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